



United States Department of Agriculture  
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service  
Wildlife Services  
National Wildlife Research Center

## Policy Memorandum

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**Title:** NWRC Environmental Management Policy

### 1. PURPOSE

For compliance with Executive Order 13423 "Strengthening Federal Environmental, Energy, and Transportation Management," which requires implementation of an Environmental Management System at all appropriate organizational levels for addressing environmental aspects of agency operations and activities.

### 2. INTRODUCTION

Environmental stewardship is a core value at the NWRC and all employees have the responsibility for ensuring that environmental impacts are considered in all operations, including those performed by contractors or visitors. All employees are responsible for fostering and maintaining a culture of Environmental Awareness and shall comply with established environmental protection standards, policies, and procedures related to their work.

An environmental protection attitude and knowledge of proper practices and procedures facilitates the overall success of the NWRC's Environmental Management Program and our Missions. As a template for the implementation of a functional program, the NWRC Environmental Management System is to be aligned with ISO 14001 standards.

### 3. POLICY

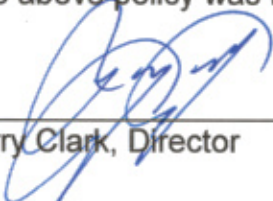
The NWRC is committed to conducting its mission in a manner that protects human health and the environment, promotes the principles of environmental stewardship within our community, and strives for excellence by implementing continuous improvement in our processes. Compliance with federal, state, and local environmental laws, regulations, codes, and standards, as well as Federal Executive Orders, is essential to accomplish our goals and protect the environment.

The NWRC will implement procedures and practices that emphasize pollution prevention, waste minimization, energy and water conservation, and sustainability practices as means to achieve, maintain, and demonstrate excellence in environmental stewardship.

As the Director of the NWRC, I am committed to comply with all pertinent environmental laws, regulations, and directives.

**APPROVAL SIGNATURE:**

The above policy was reviewed and approved by:

  
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Larry Clark, Director

10/22/12  
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